

GOLDFIELD WILL BECOME MILITARY CAMP TODAY

Nine Companies of Soldiers to Pitch Their Tents in the Southern City--Rumor that War Department May Order Additional Forces.

(Special to the Bonanza.)

RENO, DEC. 6.—COMPANIES B, D, I, K AND M FROM FORT McDOWELL AT SAN FRANCISCO AND FOUR COMPANIES FROM THE PRESIDIO AT MONTEREY, ALL BELONGING TO THE TWENTY-SECOND UNITED STATES INFANTRY REGIMENT LEFT THE OAKLAND MOLE AT NOON AND SACRAMENTO AT 4 O'CLOCK AND ARE DUE TO PASS HERE BEFORE 11 O'CLOCK TONIGHT. COLONEL ALFRED REYNOLDS IS IN COMMAND WITH MAJOR JACOB F. KREPS AND LIEUTENANTS RIPLEY, WHITFIELD AND PEARCE, AND WITH FULL FIELD EQUIPMENT. THERE ARE ABOUT 500 MEN AND OFFICERS IN ALL. GENERAL FUNSTON IS NOT WITH THE DETACHMENT, BUT WILL PROBABLY COME LATER WITH MORE TROOPS. AS WASHINGTON HAS DECIDED THAT AN OVERWHELMING FORCE IS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE ORDER, WHERE A SMALL BODY WOULD ONLY BE PROVOCATIVE OF DISORDER.

Special Troop Train Is Given Southern Pacific Right of Way

(By Associated Press.)

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 6.—The first section of the troop train arrived here at 3:40 o'clock and was sent east at once. At 6:13 it was reported as having left Colfax. The second section is here and will leave for Rutherford hill at 7 o'clock. It was delayed several hours near Sacramento by an accident to a train ahead. The specials have the right of way over the Southern Pacific.

Matters Quiet at Goldfield

(Special to the Bonanza.)

GOLDFIELD, Dec. 6.—The town is unusually quiet tonight, but everybody is restless with the sense of impending trouble. The mines are being guarded, and nobody who has no business there is allowed to go near the properties. The streets are deserted tonight, and there are few in the saloons.

What the troops will do when they reach here tomorrow, nobody ventures to assert, but it is the general understanding here that there will be a military post established here, so that the soldiers will be within easy call if their services are needed. It is not thought that martial law will be declared, for it is not seen how such a proceeding can be accomplished; although for the matter of that, had anybody declared a few days ago that there would be federal troops in here tomorrow, he would have been laughed at.

George Wingfield returned here this morning, but was as uncommunicative as he was when he was in Reno. He was about town today as usual as if nothing had happened, or was happening out of the ordinary.

Some of the mine owners are inclined to be more communicative, now that the plans for bringing in the troops have carried. They say that they have been harassed long enough by strikes and by the unreasonable demands of the Western Federation of Miners, and that they propose to operate their mines without the interference or dictation from the agitators. The miners are surprised at the action of the author-

ities, and declare that there is no reason for the coming of the troops, not one-tenth as much as when the militia went into Cripple Creek. The operators say that the pumps have been pulled out of two mines and that there is danger of more attempts of the kind being made. There will be no such danger after the arrival of the troops, they say.

There will be a military post established here, and how long Goldfield may remain an army post none will venture to say.

Four electric light poles were bored some time last night or early this morning, and giant powder put into the holes and then an attempt made to set off the charges. Had the attempt been successful, the probability is that the electric wires would have fallen onto the telephone wires, with the result that the girls in the telephone office might have been killed, and fire might have been conveyed into any number of houses in the city, causing a general conflagration. The poles were located on the ground of the Booth mine near Columbia.

There are any number of the better element of the miners leaving Goldfield every day. They scent trouble and want none of it. There have been several hold-ups, and a few nights ago a man was badly beaten, which work was said to be that of the L. W. W. Otherwise there has been no violence in the town.

Mine Owners Secretary Talks

Secretary William Erb of the Mine Owners' association of Goldfield was here yesterday on his way to Manhattan, from which place he will return tomorrow night, and then go back to the scene of trouble. Mr. Erb was asked what was the im-

General Funston Sends Report to the War Department

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—In his dispatch to the adjutant general of the army, General Funston says: "I have just conferred with a prominent mining operator at Goldfield who is now here, a man thoroughly familiar with all the miners there. He states that the Western Federation of Miners in Goldfield numbers about 3200, of which 1000 have rifles and shotguns. Not more than 300 of these men might be considered dangerous and he doubts if they would resist the regular troops. Their leaders are some of the men who made much trouble in Idaho and Colorado. The danger is that before the troops arrive they will blow up the mines and kill people. The sheriff is a member of the Western Federation and

and finally, Go yourself if you think is in sympathy with them. I feel I should inform the department that every morning paper in San Francisco knew that the department had wired within three hours after the receipt by me of the message. The information came from their Washington correspondents. Acting Secretary of War Oliver today made public all correspondence, so that the facts impelling the ordering of troops to Goldfield might be known.

General Ainsworth dispatched the following telegram to General Funston: "The governor of Nevada has called for troops to be sent to Goldfield. The president directs that you immediately send there such number of troops as you consider necessary to cope with the situation effectively

Governor Sparks Boards Train at Reno to Accompany Troops

[By Associated Press.]

CARSON, Nev., Dec. 6.—Governor Sparks departed this afternoon for Reno in a blinding rainstorm in an automobile in order to meet Colonel Reynolds, with the federal troops bound for Goldfield. The governor received a dispatch from General Funston requesting that some state representative accompany the troops to Goldfield. As the governor has taken the matter in his own hands, he will proceed to Goldfield himself. United States Marshal Mack returned here this evening from Goldfield. He states everything is quiet, though he reports a number of criminal cases, such as robberies, but no public demonstration.

best. You are authorized to hire all necessary transportation. The president directs that the troops be sent with the least possible delay. Act promptly and report action by tele-

MINE EXPLOSION

Nearly Five Hundred Men Believed to Have Perished From Cave-In and Deadly Gases in West Virginia Mine.

MONONGAH, W. Va., Dec. 6.—Three charred bodies lying in an improvised morgue, four badly injured and 493 men imprisoned by tons of coal, rock and mine debris in the depths of hills surrounding this mining camp, with chances all against a single one of them being alive, is the most accurate summary obtainable tonight of the results of a mine explosion today, which in all probability was attended by a greater loss of life than any former disaster in the history of the bituminous coal mining industry in the United States.

The explosion occurred shortly after 10 o'clock today, after the full force of 500 men had gone to work in the two mines affected. These

mines are Nos. 6 and 8 of the Consolidated Coal company located on opposite sides of the west fork of a river at this place, but merged in their underground workings, by headings and on the surface by a great steel tippie and bridge. The three living men while unable to give a detailed report of the disaster, state that immediately back of them, when they began their frantic struggle for liberty, there was a large number of men engaged in a similar struggle, while still further back in the workings there was a larger number, of whom they know nothing. As the miners referred to by the rescued men as having been alive when last seen, it is believed that they were caught back of the heavy cave in, and couldn't survive more than a few minutes in the deadly gases with which the entry was filled as soon as the ventilation system was interrupted. There is more hope for those in the more remote sections of

the mine as they may have reached the workings where fresh air was supplied by other openings, but at the best only the most slender hope is entertained for the survival of any one.

The two mines regularly employ 1000 men, working two shifts.

FIVE INDICTMENTS AGAINST NEVADANS

CARSON, Dec. 6.—This afternoon in the United States court, the grand jury returned five indictments against two prominent Nevadans for the unlawful appropriation of government lands in the state of Nevada. Four indictments were found against J. Warren Williams, his brother, George B. Williams, and one against both in Churchill county.

[By Associated Press.] FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 6.—At 11 o'clock tonight a list of the employees of mines Nos. 6 and 8 at Monongah was checked off, showing 380 men in the two mines when the explosion occurred. Of these six have been brought to the surface dead, while five made their escape through air shafts. The latter are in the miners' hospital here with serious injuries and are in a precarious condition. Neither entry has been opened to the real workings and the indications are that a majority, if not all, caught in the mine are dead. It is rumored here that the mine officials have ordered 380 coffins shipped to Monongah as soon as possible.

Commercial Agencies Report Improvement

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—R. G. Dun and company's weekly review of trade tomorrow will say: "There is a further improvement in the financial situation, facilitating a return of normal conditions, but there is a great deal of idle machinery at the mills and factories. The retail trade is fairly well maintained and the demand for holiday goods is assuming seasonable proportions and collections are more prompt.

mediate cause which led up to the request for troops.

"We thought it better to prevent trouble than take any chances of having any," said Mr. Erb. "The miners had clearly violated the agreement of April, and we told them so. Everybody is familiar with the incidents that led up to the trouble. The men refused to take the cashier's checks in payment of wages. They appointed a committee to wait on the mine owners' association, and I had a session with the committee for two hours. I explained to them that the checks

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(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: "The improvement is largely confined to practical matters, notable in this respect being the increased ease in call money. As to banking matters the situation has undoubtedly improved greatly and this is said, too, with a full appreciation of the fact that two large interior banks were this week forced to suspend. The business failures of the United States for the week ending December 5 was 272 as against 258 for last week.

PETTIBONE JURY IS COMPLETE

(By Associated Press.) BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 6.—The jury which will try the case of George A. Pettibone for complicity in the murder of former Governor Stuenkelberg was completed and sworn in this afternoon. The taking of evidence begins Monday.

CHINESE WITNESS KILLED

MURDERER IS CAPTURED BY A SAN FRANCISCO ATTORNEY.

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—While on his way to court this afternoon to testify against Chung You, a Hop Sing man, Yong Fong, of the Ping Kong tong, was shot and killed at Webster and California streets by Fong On, a member of a rival tong. The latter, who is said to be a gun-fighter for the Hop Sings, waylaid Wong Fong and fired five shots at him, two of which took effect. The murderer attempted to flee but was captured by Osgood Putman, an attorney, who pursued him in an automobile. Fong On denied that he had been detailed to kill Yong Fong, but declared Wong Fong owed him \$300, which the latter refused to pay. The

MUST ANSWER TO MURDER CHARGE

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—Daniel F. Meski, alias Harry Althell, and Rolla Robe the men arrested and identified as the slayers of Policeman Patrick Lyon, who was shot and killed last Saturday night while attempting to make the arrest, were today held to answer to the charge of murder without bail. The crowd that surrounded the city jail was so large that the prisoners were not removed from the building until the result was announced and the people dispersed.

treasury silver purchases.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The treasury department today purchased 300,000 ounces of silver at \$9.329 cents per fine ounce, 100,000 ounces to be delivered in San Francisco, 100,000 ounces in Denver and 100,000 ounces in Philadelphia.

police, however, state that \$900 represented the price that had been placed on the head of the witness against Chung You. The latter is on trial for perjury. The police fear there will be further trouble of the warring tongs.